

# Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family COUNCIL ON CHILD SAFETY AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

### AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SUBCOMMITEE

June 21, 2019 10:00 AM

# Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family 1700 W Washington St Suite 230, Conference Room B Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the African American Children and Families Subcommittee was convened on June 21, 2019, at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family, Suite 230, Conference Room B, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

Notice having been duly given.

Members Present (5)	
Roy Dawson, Chair	
Judy Krysik	
Linda Morris	
Teresa Toney	
George Khalaf	
Members Absent (2)	Staff and Guest Present (2)
Leslie Reprogle	Terrilyn Miller (staff)
Julie O'Dell	Cecilia Fernandez (staff)

# **MEETING MINUTES**

#### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Roy Dawson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM with five members present and two members absent.

#### 2. Welcome/Introductions

Mr. Dawson gave a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Dawson requested a review of the May 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. George Khalaf moved to approve May 17, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Judy Krysik seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

### 4. Focus Group Discussion and Report

The subcommittee agreed that Thursdays would be a good day of the week to hold a two hour focus group for the upcoming two they are planning. If there are a high number of participants (more than 12), the subcommittee discussed logistics of possibly having breakout discussion groups or having a format similar to a poster session where participants can self-select a topic and move from one topic station to another. Ms. Judy Krysik can have student note takers assist.

Various facilities were discussed as potential sites to hold the focus groups and members will reach out to determine facility availability and will have a date committed by the end of June. Ms. Toney mentioned that South Mountain Community College's (SMCC) Community room may be a good fit for this focus group as well and collaborating with a department at the college could help secure the room with no fees required. The SMCC Behavioral Health department would be a good fit to collaborate with.

Ms. Krysik stated that Mike Faust in the Department of Child Safety has assigned someone to work on the data requested. Mr. George Khalaf and his team will gather the census data for the three target zip codes (85040, 85041, 85042) and will also create a geographic distribution profile of Maricopa County by mid-August.

## Action items for the July focus group of service providers were discussed as follows:

- Mr. Dawson
  - Reverend Aubrey Barnwell at New Life Church
- Ms. Toney
  - Roosevelt School District's Verna McLain Wellness Center
  - Bethel AME on 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Baseline
  - Family of Faith Church
- Ms. Linda Morris
  - Crosier Fathers and Brothers
- Ms. Morris will email Dr. William Beverly's, SMCC Behavioral Health, information to Ms. Cecilia Fernandez.
  - Ms. Morris and Ms. Judy Krysik stated they would be willing to contact Dr. Beverly to see if he would be interested in collaborating for this event.
- Subcommittee members will compile a list of service provider contacts who provide services in the target zip
  codes and will send those lists to Ms. Fernandez (no due date discussed). The following list are some service
  provider types to consider inviting:
  - Housing / Utilities
  - Finance
  - Mental Health
  - Education
  - Substance Abuse
  - Health
  - Juvenile Justice

- Social Services
- Foster/Adopt/Kinship
- Parent Education
- Family Resource Centers
- Law Enforcement
- Legal (including Guardian ad litem, CASA)
- Ms. Krysik will be developing questions for the service provider focus group and will email them to the subcommittee for review

# 5. Future Meeting Date

Mr. Dawson noted the next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2019.

# 6. Call to the Public

No public present.

#### 7. Adjourn

Mr. Dawson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Toney moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Khalaf at 11:03 AM with no dissenting votes.